

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-9 and 14 have been amended. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to include the limitations from claims 12 and 13, respectively, which have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3-6 and 9 have been amended to be consistent with the amendments to claims 1 and 8. Claim 14 has been amended to correct a clerical error in its dependency. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-11 and 14 are pending.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants appreciate the indication that claim 11 is allowable and that claims 3 and 7 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 3 has been amended to be in independent form, and thus is in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Claim 7 depends from claim 3 and thus is likewise in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-10 and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,749,325 to Bukosky et al. ("Bukosky"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites "wherein the lamp includes multiple light sources and each light source of the lamp which is provided inside the chassis emits light toward the reflector, and each light source of the lamp is arranged in such a manner that the light from the light source does not illuminate the window directly." Bukosky fails to suggest at least this feature of claim 1.

Bukosky discloses a signaling assembly with a plurality of LEDs 60, and a reflector 70 having a first portion 71 and a second portion 72. The second portion 72 directs electromagnetic radiation 61 from some of the LEDs 60 through an aperture 32, while the

first portion 71 directs radiation from other of the LEDs 60 through the apertures 51 (See FIG. 7).

In contrast to claim 1, however, Bukosky does not disclose “wherein the lamp includes multiple light sources and each light source of the lamp which is provided inside the chassis emits light toward the reflector, and each light source of the lamp is arranged in such a manner that the light from the light source does not illuminate the window directly.” (emphasis added). In the Bukosky device as can be seen in FIG. 7, some of the LEDs 60 thus being, the LEDs within the second reflector portion 72, are arranged such that electromagnetic radiation 61 illuminates the aperture 32 containing the translucent substrate 80 directly. Thus, Bukosky does not disclose that each of the light sources in his device is arranged in such a manner that the light from the light source does not illuminate the window directly, and fails to anticipate claim 1 for at least this reason.

Independent claim 8 recites “wherein the lamp includes multiple light sources and each light source of the lamp which is provided inside the chassis emits light toward the reflector, and each light source of the lamp is arranged in such a manner that the light from the light source does not illuminate the window directly”, and is patentable for reasons analogous to claim 1.

The dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as their respective independent claims, as well as for further patentable features recited therein.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

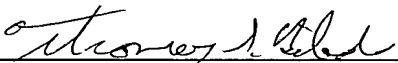
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or

even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

Date June 28, 2006

FOLEY & LARDNER LLP
Customer Number: 22428
Telephone: (202) 945-6162
Facsimile: (202) 672-5399

By 

Pavan K. Agarwal
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 40,888

Thomas G. Bilodeau
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 43,438